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Dear Ms. Sheppard:

RE: -- Bob Etheridge for Congress Committee ID #C00311555

This letter is prompted by the Commission's review of the Committee's reports in the letter dated January 26, 1999. I am sorry for our delayed response. The following are questions that were raised concerning certain information contained in the report. An itemization follows:

Reference: 30 Day Post-General Report (10/15/98-11/23/98)

Issue: Contribution on Schedule A

The AFGE PAC contribution on 10/30/98 was in fact reported on page 15 of 16 on line number 11C. This contribution was perhaps overlooked because it is an earmarked contribution through the DCCC.

Issue: 48 hour notices

I have reviewed our procedures for checking contributions received during the aforementioned time period and have unfortunately found discrepancies in our reporting. I am the sole person in charge of 48 hour reports and during this critical time I had an untimely illness and hospitalization. I trained one of my counterparts but we evidently missed days of reporting. I apologize for this error in 48 hour reports. In the future I will take extra care and caution to make sure the procedure in place is followed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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